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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

## **INFORMATION REQUIREMENT**

### ***Requirement For Information - 37 C.F.R. § 1.105***

**I. Applicant and Assignee of this application are required under 37 C.F.R. 1.105 to provide the following that the Examiner has determined is reasonably necessary to the examination of this application.**

This request is made in view of the prosecution history with arguments made by Applicant and will assist in determining whether certain references and commercial products constitute prior art against specific claims. Examiner contends that the workflow engines and generic objects based upon a reference model promulgated by the Workflow Management Coalition required for enabling the invention as recited constitute prior art admittance. If these workflow engines prove to be required for enabling the invention as recited and are in Applicant's admitted prior art, a product using these workflow engines or providing an alternative solution may still constitute prior art.

To make the record clear the examiner is requiring specific information that may be used to delineate the invention and the commercially available Vignette products, specifically the IBM MQ series workflow engine, BEA Process Integrator workflow engine and Vignette PWS workflow engine.

As these are needed to provide a complete examination of the pending application it is proper to require disclosure of the following. See M.P.E.P. 704.11 and 37 C.F.R. 1.105(a)(i)-(vii).

**In response to this requirement, please provide:**

1. Any written descriptions or analyses, prepared by any of the inventors or assignees, of goods or services in competition with the goods or services the claimed subject matter has been embodied in.
2. An explanation of technical material in a publication, such as one of the inventor's publications.
3. Comments on information of record which raises a question of whether applicant derived the invention from another under 35 U.S.C 102(f).
4. Prior art used in drafting the instant claimed invention.

This request is made in view of the prosecution history with arguments made by Applicant with prior art provided and will assist in determining whether uncovered references and commercially available products might constitute prior art against specific claims pending in the application.

The applicant is reminded that the reply to this requirement must be made with candor and good faith under 37 C.F.R. 1.56. Where the applicant does not have or cannot readily obtain an item of required information, a statement that the item is unknown or cannot be readily obtained will be accepted as a complete reply to the requirement for that item.

The fee and certification requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.97 are waived for those documents submitted in reply to this requirement. This waiver extends only to those documents within the scope of this requirement under 37 C.F.R. 1.105 that are included in the applicant's first complete communication responding to this requirement. Any supplemental replies subsequent to the first communication responding to this requirement and any information disclosures

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beyond the scope of this requirement under 37 C.F.R. 1.105 are subject to the fee and certification requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.97.

This requirement is subject to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.134, 1.135 and 1.136 and has a shortened statutory period of 2 months. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a).

### **Correspondence Information**

II. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Qing-Yuan Wu whose telephone number is (571) 272-3776. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William Thomson can be reached on (571) 272-3718. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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